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Title: **METHOD OF FORMING A POLISHING INHIBITING LAYER USING A SLURRY HAVING AN ADDITIVE**

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AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 18, 2007, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in light of the following remarks:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.